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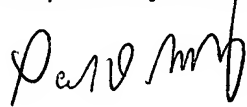
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Respectfully submitted,



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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	0 547 294	6/23/93	Europe			X	
	6.300	9/9/68	French				X
	WO 96/40086	12/19/96	PCT			X	
	WO 99/15210	4/1/99	PCT			X	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Hoover, et al., "Antimicrobial Activity and Spectrum of Rifaximin, a New Topical Rifamycin Derivative", Diagn Microbiol Infect Dis, 1993;16:111-118

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